Summary

Creator: Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns), 1888-1965

Title: T. S. Eliot collection of papers

Date: 1918-1989 [bulk 1918-1957]

Size: 678 items

Source: This is a synthetic collection, created from materials acquired through gift and purchase from various sources.

Abstract: This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence, an undated notebook, legal documents, and portraits of the author.

Access: Restricted access.

Conditions Governing Use: For permission to publish, contact the Curator, The Henry W. and Albert A. Berg Collection of English and American Literature.


Processing note: Processed by Staff; Machine-readable finding aid created by Lynn Lobash and Nina Schneider.

Creator History

T. S. Eliot was an American and British poet, playwright, literary critic, and essayist.

Custodial History

The bulk of the material was previously owned by Frank V. Morley. Other materials were formerly owned by Louis C. Greene, Leonard Clark, Henry Miller, the American Play Company, the Group Theatre archive, and John Quinn, the former owner of "The Waste Land" typescript/manuscript. The collection also includes gifts by Robert Giroux and Eric Sheffield. Donald Gallup's volume of the "Lost Manuscripts" of T. S. Eliot is inscribed by the author to the Berg Collection.
Scope and Content Note
This is a synthetic collection consisting of manuscripts and typescripts, correspondence by and about the author, an undated notebook, legal documents, and portraits of the author. The typescripts and manuscripts include poems, criticism, plays, and lectures. Also included are poems, criticism, eulogies, essays, and notes toward works, in typescript and manuscript, by W. H. Auden, Donald Gallup, Randall Jarrell, Frank V. Morley, Sean O'Casey, Ezra Pound, Stephen Spender, Lytton Strachey, and others. Among this material is the typescript/manuscript of "The Waste Land," with Ezra Pound's annotations. Correspondence dates from 1918 to 1964, whose recipients include Sylvia Beach, Rupert Doone, Ahme Haigh-Wood, W. S. Merwin, Henry Miller, Frank V. Morley, Michael Roberts, Edward Sackville-West, Vernon Watkins, Humbert Wolfe, Leonard Sidney Woolf, Virginia Woolf, and others. Also present are letters relating to the author, dating from 1919 to 1989, between various correspondents, including Willa Cather, Donald Gallup, Alfred Kazin, Frank V. Morley, Cynthia Ozick, Ezra Pound, Herbert Edward Read, Muriel Rukeyser, Edith Sitwell, Frances Steloff, Lytton Strachey, and others. There are letters to T. S. Eliot from Frank V. Morley, Dachine Rainer, Michael Roberts, Louis Untermeyer, Virginia Woolf, and from Malcolm Merritt of the The James Joyce Society, dating from 1930 to 1961.

Key Terms
Names
Eliot, T. S. (Thomas Stearns), 1888-1965
Auden, W. H. (Wystan Hugh), 1907-1973
Beach, Sylvia
Cather, Willa, 1873-1947
Clark, Leonard
Doone, Rupert, 1903-1966
Gallup, Donald, 1913-2000
Giroux, Robert
Greene, Louise C
Haigh-Wood, Ahme
Jarrell, Randall, 1914-1965
Kazin, Alfred, 1915-1998
Merwin, W. S. (William Stanley), 1927-
Miller, Henry, 1891-1980
Morley, F. V. (Frank Vigor), 1899-1980
O'Casey, Sean, 1880-1964
Ozick, Cynthia
Pound, Ezra, 1885-1972
Quinn, John, 1870-1924
Rainer, Dachine
Read, Herbert, 1893-1968
Roberts, Michael, 1902-1948
Rukeyser, Muriel, 1913-1980
Sackville-West, Edward, 1901-1965
Sheffield, Eric C.
Sitwell, Edith, 1887-1964
Spender, Stephen, 1909-1995
Steloff, Frances, 1887-1989
Strachey, Lytton, 1880-1932
Untermeyer, Louis, 1885-1977
Wolfe, Humbert, 1885-1940
Woolf, Leonard, 1880-1969
Woolf, Virginia, 1882-1941
American Play Company
Group Theatre (U.S.)
James Joyce Society (New York, N.Y.)
Container List

Manuscripts and Typescripts

Manuscripts by Eliot

Cased

Complete poems of T. S. Eliot. Holograph with the author's ms. corrections. Final 2 p. are holograph copies of poems by Tristan Corbiere.

Bound n.d. (1 v) (1 v)

Cased


Manuscripts relating to Eliot

In his: Holograph notebook [1965-1968], p. 120, 122-127, 129

In his: Holograph notebook [1964-1965], p. 63, 65, 67, 69, 71

Auden, W. H. [To T. S. on his sixtieth birthday] Holograph draft of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed. With holograph fragment of poem on verso. Gift of Eric Sheffield

Signed. With holograph draft of unidentified poem on verso, unsigned and undated

Cased

Jarrell, Randall. [Obsessional neurosis and Eliot] Holograph notes for essay 1946 (1 v) (1 v)


Manuscript box

Signed
Manuscript box


Signature added later

In his: Holograph notebooks. Vol. 13, p. [47]

Manuscript box


Manuscript box

Rukeyser, Muriel. [Quotes from T. S. Eliot and Arthur Henry Debenham]

Holograph n.d. (2 p) (2 p)

Oversize (+)

Spender, Stephen. [The destructive element. T. S. Eliot in his criticism]

Holograph draft n.d. (25 p) (25 p)

With detailed analysis of other material in this volume laid in

Manuscript box


With accompanying Postscript. 1 p.

Notebooks

Jennings, Elizabeth. T. S. Eliot; Blackstone on Keats, and further essays and 7 holograph poems. Holograph notebook n.d. (55 p) (55 p)

With three holograph pages of notes inserted

Typescripts by Eliot

"Among the various middle classes." Typescript of poem. First line used as title n.d. (1 p) (1 p)


Manuscript box

[Blurb for W. H. Auden's For the time being] Typescript, with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (1 p) (1 p)

On verso his: ANS to Berthold Wolpe, Jan. 26, 1945

Shelved with:

Eliot, T. S.

Complete poems of T. S. Eliot and

The wast land manuscripts

Manuscript box


With 2 carbon copies. Published by the Museum of Modern Arts, N. Y.; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box

East Coker. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (9 p) (9 p)

With ms. revisions in unknown hand. Also with one page of typescript corrigenda, unsigned and undated. Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box


Gift of Robert Giroux
Guide to the T. S. Eliot collection of papers

Manuscripts and Typescripts (cont.)

Typescripts by Eliot (cont.)

Manuscript box
Growltiger's last stand. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
With photocopy. Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Mungojerrie and Rumpelteazer. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (2 p) (2 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
"Possum now wishes to explain his silence." Typescript of poem. First line used as title [1940?] Feb. 3 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Rum tum tugger, The. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Sir John Davies. Typescript (photocopy) of essay with the author's ms. corrections 1926 (7 p) (7 p)
Gift of Robert Giroux

Manuscript box
Song of the jellicles, The. Typescript (carbon) of poem n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
With typed note to illustrator, unsigned and undated. 1 p.; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Interleaved with Rupert Doone's (?) ms. diagrams and stage directions. 11 p.; Program, duplicated typescript, inserted. With Robert Medley's ms. note: "Morley college production (mid 50's)."; Came with the Group theatre archive

Manuscript box
Signed "Anon."; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Cased
With Ezra Pound's ms. corrections, additions, and marginal comments throughout and Vivien Eliot's ms. correction and marginal comments on p. [5-8]. Wrapper addressed to John Quinn, postmarked Oct. 23, 1922, laid in

Manuscript box
(80th birthday album. Typescripts of 39 contributions, not listed separately, to a collection of tributes to Max Beerbohm. Presented to Max Beerbohm on his 80th birthday, Aug. 24, 1952. Contributors include: T. S. Eliot and others 1952 (83 items in 8 folders) (83 items in 8 folders)
Includes carbon for each contribution. With typed roster of the Maximilian Society. Aug. 24, 1952. 1 p. Folder 8

Manuscript box
Published in The New York Times Book review, Nov. 18, 1951, p. 36

Manuscript box
Matthiessen, Francis Otto. [T. S. Eliot] Typescript. Submitted for publication in We moderns, Gotham book mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940; not included n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Included in his TLS to Frances Steloff, Oct. 26, 1939

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Included in his TLS to Frances Steloff, Oct. 26, 1939
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Morley, Frank Vigor. *A few recollections of Eliot*. Typescript (carbon) of first draft of essays (2 copies) both with his ms. corrections n.d. (12 p., 12 p) (12 p., 12 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

With covering holograph note by T. S. Eliot, initialed and undated. 1 p.; Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Morley, Frank Vigor. *T. S. Eliot and Herbert Read*. Typescript (carbon) with his ms. revisions n.d. (29 p) (29 p)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Signed. Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Signed. Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Pound, Ezra. *[T. S. Eliot]* Typescript of contribution to *We moderns* with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (3 p) (3 p)
Signed. Published in Gotham Book Mart's catalog no. 42, New York, 1940

Symons, Julian. *Notes on the early poetry of T. S. Eliot*. Typescript n.d. (9 p) (9 p)
Signed

*Waste land, The* Gallup, Donald Clifford. *The "lost" manuscripts of T. S. Eliot*. Presentation copy n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

*Waste land, The* [Paul, Elliot Harold] *The waste land (as it might have been written by T. S. Eliot had he lived in Boston)*. Typescript of parody with the author's ms. corrections n.d. (11 p., 2 p) (11 p., 2 p)
Came with his correspondence with Louis C. Greene

Correspondence

Outgoing Correspondence
Correspondence (cont.)
Outgoing Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box  Beach, Sylvia. TLS to. Relates to Adrienne Monnier’s essay [Joyce’s Ulysses and the French public] The humanism of Joyce 1931 June 23 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Bebbington, W. G. TLS to 1945 Feb. 13 (1 item)

Manuscript box  Breit, Harvey. TLS to. Mentions James Joyce 1954 Apr. 7 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Byrne, Muriel St. Clare. 3 TLS to 1941 Dec. 11 - 1942 Feb. 28 (3 items) Removed from The Lisle letters correspondence

Manuscript box  Chapman, R. W. TLS to 1949 May 24 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Chinn, J. R. TLS to 1946 Nov. 7 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Clark, Leonard. TLS to 1953 Dec. 3 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Cyril, Sister Anne. TLS (photocopy) to 1952 Aug. 15 (1 item)

Manuscript box  Doone, Rupert. 1 ALS, 18 TLS to. Several letters mention W. H. Auden 1934 May 25 - 1954 Nov. 11 (19 items in 4 folders)

Manuscript box  Eberl, Galen. TLS to 1963 Mar. 8 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Edwards, H[?][?]. J[?][?]. 3 TLS to 1934 Apr. 12 - 1934 May 8 (3 items)

Manuscript box  Giroux, Robert. TLS to 1946 Sept. 24 (1 item)

Manuscript box  Grigson, Geoffrey. TLS to 1935 Sept. 3 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Haigh-Wood, Ahme. 8 TLS to 1950 Aug. 28 - 1955 Feb. 21 (8 items)

Manuscript box  Haigh-Wood, Maurice. 1 ALS, 3 TLS to 1943 July 9 - 1955 Aug. 1 (4 items)

Manuscript box  Hanley, James. LS to 1940 Nov. 24 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Harari, Mrs. [-?]. TLS to Relates to Anne Fremantle 1951 Jan. 18 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Hartley, Wesley. TLS to 1957 Oct. 31 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Healy, John Vincent. TLS to. In reply to a request for criticism 1932 Nov. 22 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Kirstein, [Lincoln]. TLS to 1950 July 19 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Lea, Frank Alfred. 2 TLS to. Relate to John Middleton Murry 1957 June 7, 1957 June 11 (2 items)

Manuscript box  Leverston, Ada. 3 ALS, 2 TLS to 1925 Aug. 25 - 1930 Jan. 7 (5 items)

Manuscript box  Meredith, William. TLS to 1961 June 15 (1 p)

Manuscript box  Merwin, W. S. 2 TLS to 1953 Nov. 25, 1954 Mar. 25 (2 items)

Manuscript box  Miller, Henry. TLS to 1939 Apr. 5 (1 p)

Cased

Guide to the T. S. Eliot collection of papers
Manuscript box

Morley, Frank V. 13 TLS, 12 TNS, 3 ANS, 1 Christmas card, 2 postcards to
1927 Jan. 2 - 1963 Nov. 27 (31 items in 7 folders) (31 items in 7 folders)
With 7 carbon replies: also with 5 TNS to Morley written on behalf of Eliot by his secretaries.
Encloses: De la Mare, Richard. TLS to Frank V. Morley. Nov. 4, 1963. 1 l. With Morley’s
carbon reply. Folder 6. Came with Frank V. Morley’s papers

Morrell, Roy. TLS to 1964 May 15 (1 p) (1 p)

Murry, John Middleton. 2 TLS to 1931 Oct. 20, 1931 Nov. 6 (2 items) (2 items)

Nicholson, Norman. TLS to 1953 Dec. 3 (1 item) (1 item)

Ogden, Charles Kay. TLS to. Relates to James Joyce’s recording of Anna Livia Plurabelle 1930 Apr. 11 (1 p) (1 p)

Ould, Hermon. TLS to. Relates to New poems, a P.E.N. anthology, 1952
1951 June 7 (1 p) (1 p)

Rainer, Dachine. TLS to. Relates to Ezra Pound 1955 Mar. 30 (1 p) (1 p)

Roberts, Michael. 23 TLS to. Relates to The Faber book of modern verse, 1936. 1935 Feb. 21 - 1936 May 13 (23 items) (23 items)
In folder 2: Roberts, Michael. TLS (not sent) to T. S. Eliot. May 3, 1935. 1 l.; Morley, F. V. TLS

[Russell], [Bertrand]. AL to 1919 Feb. 3 (3 p) (3 p)
Signed with initials

Sackville-West, Edward. 2 TLS to 1930 Nov. 14, 1952 Oct. 2 (2 items) (2 items)

Symons, Julian. TLS to 1938 Mar. 28 (1 p) (1 p)

Watkins, Vernon. 60 TLS, 3 TNS to. Letters of [April 3] and 10, 1946, relate
to Ezra Pound; April 9 and 28, 1953 to Idris Davies; March 1 and 16, 1956
and Sept. 5, 1958 to Dylan Thomas 1937 June 23 - 1962 Apr. 26 (63 items in 13
folders) (63 items in 13 folders)

Whigham, Peter. TLS to. Relates to Ezra Pound 1947 Oct. 27 (1 p) (1 p)

Wolfe, Humbert. 3 TLS to 1928 Nov. 20 - 1934 Dec. 6 (3 items) (3 items)
With two TL (carbon) replies

Woolf, Leonard Sidney. 10 ALS, 15 TLS to. Letter of April 26, 1934 relates
to Geraldine Jewsbury 1920 Oct. 23 - 1962 Mar. 29 (25 items in 5 folders) (25 items in 5 folders)

Woolf, Virginia. 19 ALS, 45 TLS, 2 TL in verse, 2 postcards to. Letters of
[Oct. (?) 1937] and Feb. 3 [1940?] in verse 1918 Nov. 12 - 1941 Mar. 19 (68 items
in 13 folders) (68 items in 13 folders)
*Among the various middle classes.” Typescript of poem. undated. 1 p. First line used as title.
Oct. 1937. Folder 9. “Possum now wishes to explain...” Folder 11

James Joyce Society, New York. Correspondence with Eliot and others.
Letter of Feb. 27, 1952 (2 copies) 1952 Feb. 27, 1955 Feb. 7 (3 letters) (3 letters)
With 2 TLS from Eliot to Malcolm Merritt, The James Joyce Society. March 4, 1952; Feb. 10,
1955. 1 leaf each
Guide to the
T. S. Eliot collection of papers

Correspondence (cont.)
Incoming Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box
(Eliot)
Morley, Frank V. 8 TL (carbons), 8 TN (carbons) to Eliot 1930 May 2 - 1962
Dec. 4 (16 items in 3 folders) (16 items in 3 folders)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Morley, Frank V. 7 replies to Eliot (carbon) n.d. (7 items) (7 items)

Manuscript box
Rainer, Dachine. TL (carbon) to Eliot. Relates to Ezra Pound 1955 Mar. 19 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Roberts, Michael. TLS to Eliot. Apparently not sent. Relates to The Faber Book of Modern Verse, 1936 1935 May 3 (1 leaf) (1 leaf)

Manuscript box
Untermeyer, Louis. TL (carbon) to Eliot 1961 Aug. 6 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box
Woolf, Virginia. TL (photostat) to Eliot Nov. 2 (1 p) (1 p)
 Came with her correspondence with H. H. Goldstone

Related Correspondence

Manuscript box
Cather, Willa. TLS to Mr. Zoltan Engel. Mentions Rudyard Kipling and T. S. Eliot 1937 Feb. 20 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Manuscript box
Eliot, Henry Ware. 2 TLS to Frank V. Morley. Relates to his brother, T. S. Eliot 1940 Feb. 3, 1943 Apr. 12 (2 items) (2 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Eliot, Valerie (Fletcher) 4 TLS, 1 TNS to Frank V. Morley 1966 June 3 - 1980 June 18 (5 items) (5 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box
Eliot, Vivien. ALS to Ada Leverson. Mentions her husband's T. S. Eliot's health n.d. (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box
Gallup, Donald Clifford. TLS to Frances Steloff. Declines to write appreciation of T. S. Eliot for publication in We moderns, Gotham book mart catalog no. 42, New York, 1940 1940 Mar. 18 (1 p) (1 p)
With TL (carbon) reply

Manuscript box
Jennings, Richard. 2 ALS to Edith Sitwell. Letter of Nov. 30, 1936 relates to Dylan Thomas, W. B. Yeats and T. S. Eliot 1936 Nov. 30, 1939 July 3 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box
Kenneth Patchen Fund, New York. 1 TL (circular) n.d. (1 p) (1 p)
Signed W. H. Auden, T. S. Eliot, Archibald MacLeish, and Thornton Wilder

Manuscript box
Morley, Frank Vigor. TLS to Frances Steloff. Relates to T. S. Eliot 1939 Nov. 6 (1 p) (1 p)
Correspondence (cont.)

Related Correspondence (cont.)

Manuscript box

Murry, John Middleton. ALS to Virginia Woolf. Mentions T. S. Eliot 1919 May 2 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box

Ozick, Cynthia. TLS to Alfred Kazin. Relates in part to T. S. Eliot 1989 Nov. 28 (4 p) (4 p)

Manuscript box

Pound, Ezra. 3 TL to Chandler Brossard. One letter relates to T. S. Eliot ca. 1952? (3 items) (3 items)
With: Dorothy Pound's ms. postscripts, one signed, on two letters

Manuscript box


Manuscript box

With 9 carbon replies Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box

Shepard, TNS to Lucius 1952 June 16 (1 p) (1 p)

Manuscript box

Swabey, 5 TLS to Henry S. 1937 Jan. 11 - 1950 Mar. 15 (5 items) (5 items)
Christie's (London), 12/11/03

Manuscript box

Thompson, 1 ANS, 1 TLS to H. Keith. Faber & Faber ltd., publishers 1957 June 12, 1959 July 17 (2 items) (2 items)

Manuscript box

Waley, Arthur (?) AL to Edith [Sitwell]. Mentions T. S. Eliot and Sacheverell Sitwell June 29 (1 item) (1 item)

Manuscript box

Woolf, Virginia. 2 ALS to Lytton Strachey. [1922] Dec. 3, 1923 Feb. 23 (2 items) (2 items)
First letter encloses: Eliot Fellowship Fund. Printed circular requesting subscriptions to a special fellowship fund for T. S. Eliot, Oct. 1922. 2 l. Also a printed postscript, undated. 1 l.

Manuscript box

[-- ?], Margery. TLS to Mary von Schrader and Randall Jarrell. Relates to T. S. Eliot n.d. (9 p) (9 p)

Legal Documents

Manuscript box

Agreements, correspondence, forms, statements from various theatrical agencies concerning T. S. Eliot n.d. (2 folders) (2 folders)
From the files of the American play company. Number 31, 82

Portraits

Manuscript box

Eisenstaedt, Alfred. Portrait photograph of Thomas Stearns Eliot 1951 (1 item) (1 item)
Signed by the photographer. With ANS from Eliot to Eisenstaedt, dated Nov. 19, 1951. 1 p.

Manuscript box

Lynes, George Platt. Portrait photographs (12) of Thomas Stearns Eliot n.d. (12 items) (12 items)

Manuscript box

Photographs (4), mounted and matted together n.d. (4 items) (4 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers
Portraits (cont.)

Manuscript box

Photographs (6) n.d. (6 items) (6 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers

Manuscript box

Photographs (6) of boyhood scenes in St. Louis and the summer house at Gloucester n.d. (6 items) (6 items)
Came with Frank V. Morley's papers